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1. On 27 April 1953 the various SMV sections were ordered to discontinue all payments for material purchased, including payments on imports. Allegedly this order will be in effect until about 15 May 1953.
2. On 25 April 1953, a freight car loaded with 350 7 3/4 inch drill bits (Rollmeisel) arrived in Vienna for the SMV. There were no trucks available to unload the shipment and as a result it was not unloaded or forwarded to Bohrbetrieb II until 27 April. Upon receipt of the shipment the Aderklaa division resumed work with the 14 drill rigs that allegedly had been standing idle for about four weeks.
3. There is still a shortage of cement at the SMV and it is not likely that more will be delivered for some time. Negotiations between the SMV and Frolov (fmu) of the USIA Construction Materials Section concerning the purchase of cement by USIA for the SMV have not been successful, as USIA wants a commission of 33 percent on the transaction.

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